

BHNC PLUC/Board Joint Meeting – 2018.Jan/11 [Minutes]

Location: Benjamin Franklin Library [Community Room]

Circa: January 11th, 2018

Begin: 6.40pm

End: 7.58pm



Attendance

Present [PLUC]: (4) – *Jason Gallegos, Drew Brauer, Ernesto Hidalgo [6.08pm], Dan Morales [6.39pm]*

Absent [PLUC]: (1) – *Peter Kallstrom*

Present [Board]: (2) – *Daisy Chavez [BHNC VP], Jose Pelico*

Community [peak]: ~10 – 12

Format of Votes: [(abstain) – (nay) – (yes) – (non-eligible)]

[[*While waiting for quorum, Chair proceeded to open the meeting for non-actionable items*]]

Item 2: Government Reports [6.27pm]

- CD-14 representative [] provided the following information:
 - Metro's Planning and Programming Committee will be discussing the Mariachi Plaza Development & Chavez/Fickett Development on Wednesday January 17th & [given a favorable vote] the full Metro Board on January 25th; Regarding an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA).
 - Mariachi Plaza Joint Development ENA to go to East LA Community Corporation (ELACC)
 - Chavez/Fickett Joint Development ENA to go to Adobe Communities.
 - January 30th, DCP will be hosting a Community Meeting on the Community Plan Update

Item 3: General Public Comment

Speaker Cards (0): *none.*

Item 4(a): Updates on Any BHNC/PLUC or Community Related Items.

- Senate bill 827 was introduced on the 3rd, and is similar to the TOC/TOD in Los Angeles.
- ZA-2017-2451-CUB, 251 S. Mission Rd; Period of advisement was supposed to have ended, but has been extended to February 28th.
- NC/BHNC is planning to host a “Community Forum” on the sales of Marijuana, and interested parties should contact BHNC VP Daisy Chavez (vicepresident@bhnc.net), or attend the Neighborhood Committee Meeting in February 7th.
- BHNC was frozen over the winter break and as of today (January 11) was re-activated. Gave brief explanation of the process of reinstatement.
- Drew Brauer has resigned from the BHNC Board, but is able to remain as a PLUC member, per Chair's interpretation of the Bylaws, if there is a vacancy. (discussion to occur later in this meeting)
- There is an Area 3 Seat available on the BHNC Board.
- Patricia Moreno & Veronica Polanco joined the BHNC Board in November.
- In December, on the 19th, the PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing) Ordinance [CPC-2017-3136-CA-CPA] was approved by the City Council.
- Also, (CPC-2017-3409-CA) Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance was also approved.
- Correction:
 - **@ December Meeting:** AMI (Area Median Income) was stated by the presenters to be 50-60,000 for Boyle Heights.
 - DCP states that the AMI is 25-30,000 for Boyle Heights.
- DWP will be distributing Eco-friendly shower heads.

[[*Dan Morales arrives at 6.39pm; Quorum is met;.*]]

[[*Daisy Chavez arrives at 6.39pm; Declines to act as Ex-Officio;*]]

Item 1: Welcome & Roll Call [6.40pm]

- **Present:** *Jason Gallegos, Drew Brauer, Ernesto Hidalgo, Dan Morales*
- **Absent:** *Peter Kallstrom*

Item 4(b): Notice of Vacancies.

- Chair informs the Committee/Community of the Two available positions on the PLUC.
 - 1. Board Member Seat
 - 1. Community Stakeholder Seat
- Provides planning@bhnc.net address for applications, and announces that the selection prices will be at the January GBM.

Item 1: Welcome & Roll Call

- Meeting [*officially*] begins @ 6:40pm
- Chair takes Roll Call

Item 4(c): Adoption of Minutes

Item 4(c)(i): Discussion & Possible Action to Approve the Minutes for October 10th, 2017

- **Motion**(Jason/Drew): to Approve the Minutes for October 10th, 2017
- **Vote:** [0 – 0 – 4 – 0, *passed*]

Item 4(c)(ii): Discussion & Possible Action to Approve the Minutes for November 9th, 2017

- **Motion**(Jason/Dan): to Approve the Minutes for November 9th, 2017
- **Vote:** [0 – 0 – 4 – 0, *passed*]

Item 4(c)(iii): Discussion & Possible Action to Approve the Minutes for December 14th, 2017

- **Motion**(Jason/Drew): to approve the minutes for December 14th, 2017 w/the addition of the transcript.
- **Public Comment(s):** none
- **Committee Comment(s):**
 - Jason: [*Does the Committee*] want to include the transcript in the minutes?
 - Drew: Declines to include the transcript due to constancy (Transcripts are not normally included)
 - Dan: Agree with Drew
 - Ernie: Ambivalent.
 - Jason: Explains that a partial of the transcript was included in the Draft Board Report that was sent to the City in regards to CPC-2017-4617-VZC-CUP-SPR (the **KIPP K-4 Charter School**) to meet the January 2nd Expedited process deadline. And that removing the transcript from the Minutes would remove the information from any further communication.
 - Committee is okay with inclusion.
 - Correction to Vivian Escalante's statement
 - Correction to the names **Lisette Covarrubias** and replace it with **Patricia Diefenderfer** as presenter/speaker
 - Correction to add **Patricia Diefenderfer (Senior Planner)** to list of names of the BHCPU team.
- **Motion**(Jason/Drew)[friendly amendment]: to approve the minutes for December 14th, 2017 w/the addition of the transcript, and edits
- **Vote:** [0 – 0 – 4 – 0, *passed*]

Item 5(a): Discussion and Possible Action on Beer & Wine Conditional Use Permit (CUB) for a Asher Café & Lounge

- [[Continuation of November discussion]]
- **Liliger Damaso representing Asher Cafe & Lounge**
 - Gives quick refresh on business
 - Change of Business hours to Monday – Sunday, 9am – 5pm
 - Are still applying for the CUB
 - Made changes to the menu prices, provided samples of the menu.
 - Outreach:
 - Met with Ms Ramos & Ms Miriam on November 29th.
 - Have attempted to reach out to the Chamber of Commerce.
 - Homeboy Industries, [..], Church of Resurrection,

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- CPAB meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 17th
- Provided a one sheet on Organizations, groups & individuals that they have Outreached to.
- Looking in to purchasing an existing license in the community to remove from the community.
 - No Type 41 is available as of yet for purchase.
- Chair Opens item to any Public Comment/Questions: *none*
- Chair Opens item to any Committee Comment/Questions:
 - Drew: *appreciates the Outreach efforts. Encourages more.*
 - Jason: states opposition of a new license. *appreciates the Outreach efforts.*
 - Ernie: was not at the November meeting. Has question regarding the enforceability of hours of operations/sales of alcohol.
 - Yurida Ramos (City representative responds): It would be based on the submitted application.
 - Jose Pelico (BHNC Board Member): asks for further details regarding outreach around Asher Cafe & Lounge.
 - Sergio (COO of Asher Cafe): responds outlining his personal efforts to do outreach to the Area.
 - Liliger Damaso: States that they are looking to hire 25-40 employees, from the BH Community, at higher then average wages for entry level positions.
 - Ernie notes that the application states 7am – 9pm
 - Liliger (responds) that the hours can be adjusted with the Zoning Administrator to change it to 5pm.
 - Ernie asks about the public comment.
 - Chair responds regarding the low turnout and about 3 or 4 people from the community present and 3 commented in opposition.
 - Ernie asks about the Pico Alison pending meeting and letters of support from any organization in the community.
 - Liliger (responds): no.
 - Dan: asks if they have made any other presentations.
 - Liliger (responds): that they have not had any responses.
- **Motion(Jason/Drew):** Motion to **[OPPOSE]** the Conditional Use Permit for the Beer & Wine License
- GPC on Motion to [OPPOSE]: *none*
- Committee Comment on Motion to [OPPOSE]:
 - Ernie: ZA admin is going to ask for letters of support, and is concerned regarding stakeholder input. Is not ready to support of oppose.
 - Drew: Expresses non-opposition to the sale of alcohol in conjunction with the cafe due to the hours of sales, and nature of the establishment.
 - Dan: Is not in opposition to the license, but is not in favor of it due to the lack of feed back from the community.
 - Ernie: Comments that BHNC/PLUC should discuss what position or policy the BHNC/PLUC should take on these items.
 - Jason: Agrees that without community support that we cannot offer support for the license.
- **Vote: [2 – 1 – 1 – 0, passed]**

Item 5(b): Discussion & Possible Action to Community Impact Statement Supporting Council File #17-0447.

- Chair explains process necessary to continue on this item. (temporary suspension of rules & motion to reconsider)
- [per BHNC Bylaws Article XIII, Section 4 “Reconsideration”]
- Motion (Jason/Drew): Temporary suspension of the rules for the purposes of reconsideration.
 - **Vote: [0 – 0 – 4 – 0, passed]**
- Motion to Reconsider (Jason/Drew):
 - **Vote: [0 – 0 – 3 – 1 (Ernesto), passed]**
- Floor was open for additional information to be heard regarding Council File #17-0447
 - Godfrey Wachira (CREED LA) – Not opposed to the Council File, but urges the Committee to wait.
 - Jose Pina (CREED LA) – Not opposed to the Council File, but urges the Committee to wait.
 - Ernesto asks for clarification as to where CREED LA get's it's funding.
 - **Response:** Labor Unions (IBEW Local 11, Iron Workers Local 416 & 453, Sheet Metal Workers 105, [...])
 - Dr. Leah Garland (STAND LA) –
 - hands out documents on environmental effects of neighborhood oil drilling
 - emphasizes the need for laws regulating drilling
 - Ernesto asks both parties (CREED LA & STAND LA) which organizations in South LA have taken a position similar to theirs.

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- Response (CREED LA) – [...]
- Response (STAND LA) – Communities for a Better Environment, Interactive Community Housing Corporation, Holy United Methodist Church, SCOPE, Positions for Social Responsibility, The Redeemer Community Partnership, Community Water Watch
- **Motion**(Jason/Drew): *To continue to table the item until the Economic report is complete.*
- **GPC on Motion:**
 - *Dr. Leah Garland (STAND LA) – urges BHNC/PLUC to support the Council File.*
- **Vote: [0 – 0 – 4 – 0, passed]**

Item 5(c): Discussion and Possible Action on PLUC Membership Standing Rule

- Chair explains his interpretation of the Bylaws, and lack of response from DONE, and explanation for why the Standing rule is necessary.
 - Drew resigned from the Board (but not PLUC);
 - her status as a PLUC member is unclear.
- Ernesto expresses concerns regarding compliance in terms of her position
 - That she came in to the PLUC as a Board Member, not a Community Stakeholder, and if protocol allows for her to be moved in to the Community Stakeholder Seat.
- Chair states that he has not consulted the City Attorney on this matter.
- Jose Pelico also expresses the same concerns as Ernesto.
- **Motion**(Jason/Dan): *to recommend approval of the Standing Rule.*
- **Vote: [1(Drew) – 0 – 3 – 0, passed]**

Item 5(d): Discussion and Possible Action on PLUC Membership Retention Standing Rule

- Chair explains the history and potential need for this rule.
 - Committee member retention.
- Dan: expresses that a temporary Chair may be appointed, but something may be needed in “black and white.”
- Ernesto: expresses that it should be limited between DONE elections.
- **Motion**(Jason/Drew): *to table the item*
- **GPC on motion:** *none;*
- **Committee Comment:**
 - *Ernesto: Opposes tabling item, as it is an ongoing issue and needs to take care of.*
- **Jason (Friendly amendment, Drew consents):** *to table the item to next month (February), to rework the language.*
- **Vote: [0 – 0 – 4 – 0, passed]**

Item 5(e): Discussion and Possible Action on a CIS on CPC-2016-3182-ZA (Re:Code LA)

- Chair explains the history of this item and that the item has been moved to April so the BHNC has time to act on it and the item can be tabled.
- **Motion**(Drew/Jason): *to table the item until February*
- Ernesto asks if any Stakeholders we interested in discussing this item (*none.*)
- **Vote: [0 – 0 – 4 – 0, passed]**

Item 6(a): Discussion on the Hollenbeck Park Rehabilitation and Stormwater Management Project

- Chair gives a brief overview of the status of project.
- Committee consents that a presenter needs to be brought in to properly vet this item

Item 6(b): Discussion on the Roosevelt Modernization Project

- Informs the Committee of the intent of the BHNC to bring a presenter to the BHNC

Item 6: Announcements

- Not discussed

Item 7: Adjournment

- **Motion to Adjourn** (Jason/Drew)
- **Vote: 0 – 0 – 4 – 0**
- **Adjourn: 7.58pm**